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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

<u>Prior to calculating the filing fee</u>, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

-- This application is a 371 of PCT/JP99/02683 filed May 21, 1999. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 7, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-6" to -- claim 1 --.

Claim 8, line 1, change "any one of claims 1-7" to -- claim 1 --.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".